GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:408
ANSWERED ON:12.08.2002
RELEASE OF FOREST LAND FOR NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether several States particularly Karnataka have sought the permission of the Union Government for release of forest land for the establishment of Nuclear Power plants;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of projects/proposals with regard to release of forest land cleared by the Union Government during the last three years and thereafter, State-wise;

(d) the reasons for pendency of the remaining proposals; and

(e) the time by which the same are likely to be cleared?

Answer

MINISTER FOR ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R.BAALU)

(a) to (e) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 408 BY AMBAREESHA REGARDING "RELEASE OF FOREST LAND FOR NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS" DUE FOR REF 12.08.2002.

(a) and (b) Karnataka Government had sought permission under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of forest land in respect of Kaiga Nuclear Power Plant and this proposal was approved on 6.8.1987. No proposal is pending with the Union Government for diversion of forest land for the construction of Nuclear Power plants.

(c) and (d) The details of proposals regarding release of forest land received from various State Governments during the last three years are at Annexure. The reasons for pendency of the proposals include submission of incomplete proposals and delay in submission of details by the State Government.

(e) The proposals can be processed and decided only after information asked for is furnished by the concerned State Governments.

ANNEXURE

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN THE STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (c) AND (d) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUE NO. 408 BY SHRI AMBAREESHA REGARDING "RELEASE OF FOREST LAND FOR NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS" DU REPLY ON 12.08.2002.

S. NO.	State	No. of proposals received	Approved by the Ministry	Rejected for want of information	Returned/ withdrawn by the State Govt.	Under process additional information	Pending with States for information
1.	Assam	40	32	4	0	2	1 1
2.	Arunachal Pr	50	41	1	2	0	1 5
3.	Andhra Pradesh	80	47	10	1	5	9 8
4.	A & N Island	24	21	0	0	1	0 2
5.	Bihar	12	7	0	1	3	1 0
6.	Chandigarh	13	11	0	0	0	2 0

7 Chhattisgarh 58 24 2 0 2 5 25

8. D & N Haveli 113 62 17 1 1 13 19

9. Daman & Diu 1 0 0 0 0 0 1
10. Delhi 6 2 0 1 1 0 2
11. Goa 25 7 1 0 0 1 16
12. Gujarat 346 253 23 15 18 4 33
13. Haryana 167 139 1 6 0 4 17
14. Himachal Pr. 238 135 10 27 6 4 56
15. Jharkhand 40 11 1 6 1 3 8
16. Karnataka 141 75 17 11 6 2 30
17. Kerala 31 19 1 2 2 2 5
18. Manipur 3 2 0 0 1 0 0
19. Meghalya 42 39 2 0 0 1 0
20. Madhya Pradesh 125 65 11 4 8 20 17
21. Mizoram 12 10 0 0 0 0 2
22. Maharashtra 371 207 49 6 13 43 53
23. Punjab 433 305 5 23 7 1 92
24. Orissa 91 49 2 11 9 6 14
25. Sikkim 36 36 0 0 0 0 0
26. Rajasthan 94 58 6 9 9 0 12
27. Tamil Nadu 61 50 3 2 0 4 2
28. Tripura 107 100 2 2 1 1 1
29. West Bengal 9 5 0 0 2 0 2
30. Uttar Pradesh 103 84 7 3 5 2 2
31. Uttaranchal 917 753 43 12 49 10 50

TOTAL 3789 2649 218 145 152 140 475